

TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING  
November 21, 2005 - 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Hundt at 6:00 p.m.

Salute to the Flag was conducted.

Emergency Exits were pointed out by the Supervisor.

Roll Call:

Councilman Devine	Present
Councilman Russell	Present
Councilwoman Doyle	Present
Councilman Carroll	Present
Supervisor Hundt	Present

WASSAIC LIGHTS – INSTALLATION BIDS

Supervisor Hundt announced that four bids had been received for the Wassaic Light project for the purchase of seven lights and installation of three. The lowest bidder was Carberry Electric for \$2,644.77. Stan Whitehead mentioned that Carberry does excellent work and is fully insured. In response to a question from the audience, Councilwoman Doyle stated that money could not be set aside to complete the project next year unless a capital projects fund was created. It was suggested that \$6,500 be set aside.

AWARD BID TO INSTALL WASSAIC LIGHTS TO CARBERRY ELECTRIC

MOTION:	C/Carroll	
SECOND:	C/Russell	
ROLL CALL:	C/Carroll - AYE	C/Devine - AYE
	C/Doyle - AYE	C/Russell - AYE
	S/Hundt - AYE	

MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

SALT SHED PARCEL - APPRAISAL BIDS

Councilwoman Doyle announced that two bids had been received for the appraisal of the proposed salt shed property owned by Richard Stearns and located on Borden Lane near the town highway garage. Councilwoman Doyle said that she was reluctant to continue with this initiative because we don't know where the new highway garage will go. Once we spend over \$2500 to purchase the property for the salt shed, then the new highway garage will have to go there. Stan Whitehead said that the place for the garage was identified but the soil was bad, although the soil for a garage does not have to be as strong as the soil for a salt shed.

A motion was made to accept the bid from Evaluation Consultants for \$1,000:

AWARD BID TO APPRAISE SALT SHED PARCEL TO EVALUATION CONSULTANTS

MOTION:	C/Doyle	
SECOND:	S/Hundt	
ROLL CALL:	C/Carroll - AYE	C/Devine - AYE
	C/Doyle - AYE	C/Russell - AYE
	S/Hundt - AYE	

MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Councilwoman Doyle explained that Joel Russell was needed to complete the Comprehensive Plan and that the maps are in the final stage. In early 2006 there will be a series of public information workshops. Since we don't know how the public will accept the proposed Comprehensive Plan, money must be allowed for extra work. The first contract with Joel Russell specified that if additional work was needed, it would be at an extra cost.

The Town Board read a letter from Joel Russell outlining seven tasks beyond the scope of the first contract, that still needed to be completed. Councilman Devine praised Joel Russell for his ability to provide clear explanations and to bring people together.

AUTHORIZE SIGNING OF JOEL RUSSEL CONTRACT AMENDMENT

MOTION: S/Hundt  
SECOND: C/Carroll  
ROLL CALL: C/Carroll - AYE C/Devine - AYE  
C/Doyle - AYE C/Russell - AYE  
S/Hundt - AYE  
MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

PEDDLER PERMIT

Town Clerk Gail Hermosilla asked the Board's advice on a peddler's permit request she has received. The requestor is a veteran and would like a license to peddle door-to-door with an unspecified product or service. The Board agreed that a permit can be issued only for something specific to be peddled. Also, the requestor must produce his military discharge papers in order to claim veteran benefits.

QUALITY COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM

Councilwoman Doyle and grant writer Mike Haggerty have prepared two resolutions related to the Quality Communities Program grant. The first resolution authorizes submission of a grant for Environmental Protection Funds to create a capital projects plan for the Town of Amenia.

The Quality Communities Program grant can only be used for planning, but having a plan will help us get money to implement projects. Perhaps we could ask the town engineers to create a concept plan for existing properties (for example, the Amenia Elementary School). This would be like a business plan and would include public input. The grant requires a 20% match (or \$4,000) which we may be able to cover with a different grant. As a Greenway Community, Amenia gets five points towards the grant. The Inter-Municipal Recreation group would also help us to win grants.

RESOLUTION #37 - AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR QUALITY COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM TO CREATE A CAPITAL PROJECTS PLAN FOR AMENIA

MOTION: C/Doyle  
SECOND: S/Hundt  
ROLL CALL: C/Carroll - AYE C/Devine - AYE  
C/Doyle - AYE C/Russell - AYE  
S/Hundt - AYE  
MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

The second resolution would apply for a grant to fund public information meetings and SEQRA review of the new Comprehensive Plan and new zoning laws.

RESOLUTION #38 – AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR GRANT TO FUND PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS AND SEQRA REVIEW OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

MOTION: C/Doyle  
SECOND: S/Hundt  
ROLL CALL: C/Carroll - AYE C/Devine - AYE  
C/Doyle - AYE C/Russell - AYE  
S/Hundt - AYE  
MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

NYS COMPTROLLER'S AUDIT OF TOWN OF AMENIA

Councilman Carroll expressed his frustration with the NYS Comptroller's Office for not delivering the results of the Town audit that was conducted in the summer of 2004. He suggested a letter be written to the Comptroller copying State Senator Leibell. Councilman Carroll will write the letter.

SEND LETTER TO NYS COMPTROLLER REQUESTING RESULTS OF TOWN AUDIT

MOTION: C/Carroll  
SECOND: C/Doyle  
ROLL CALL: C/Carroll - AYE C/Devine - AYE  
C/Doyle - AYE C/Russell - AYE  
S/Hundt - AYE  
MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

VACANCIES ON TOWN STAFF, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS

There are several openings on town boards and commissions as well as in staff positions. Authorization was requested to advertise for all positions in one brief ad which would direct the reader to the town website for more details. A December 7 deadline was set for applications to be received.

AUTHORIZE ADS FOR VACANCIES ON TOWN STAFF, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS

MOTION: C/Doyle  
SECOND: C/Carroll  
ROLL CALL: C/Carroll - AYE C/Devine - AYE  
C/Doyle - AYE C/Russell - AYE  
S/Hundt - AYE  
MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING

Upon Councilman Devine's advice that the annual Reorganization meeting should be held within 3 days of the first of the year, Monday January 2, 2006 was set as the date.

MAXON MILLS LITIGATION POSTPONEMENT

Supervisor Hundt suggested postponing the court date for Maxon Mills building code violations for a few weeks to allow the pending sale to move forward unencumbered by legal proceedings. Otherwise, the court action may jeopardize the sale. Councilman Carroll disagreed saying Mike Segelken had put a lot of work into this and the town should continue as soon as possible. Councilwoman Doyle cautioned that the county does not take derelict properties; the Town would have to tear down Maxon Mills, if it came to that. Supervisor Hundt added that she would not like to see the Town and its taxpayers be forced to pay half a million dollars for demolition of Maxon Mills. Good progress is being made on the building and litigation should be the last resort.

POSTPONE MAXON MILLS LITIGATION TILL DEC. 15

MOTION: C/Doyle  
SECOND: S/Hundt  
ROLL CALL: C/Carroll - NO C/Devine - NO  
C/Doyle - AYE C/Russell - NO  
S/Hundt - AYE  
MOTION DEFEATED 2 to 3.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gail Hermosilla,  
Amenia Town Clerk

Approved by Town Board: Dec. 15, 2005  
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